sules and Rifampicin plus INH plus Vitamin B6 are being sold;

(b) if so, what are the prices at which mjor producers are selling these medicines and what is approved price of each;

(c) what were the prices of three packs of Rifampicin plus INH Capsules being charged before the notification of 18th August, 1988 and when were these prices fixed/ notified; and

(d) what action under Essential Commodities Act was taken against the drug companies who overcharged the poor TB patients?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J VENGAL RAO): (a) and (b) A ceiling prices of Rs. 9.5 has been notified for 3's pack of Rifampicin 600 mg capsules on 15-11-1988 and a price of Rs. 104.21 has been fixed for 4x10's pack of capsules based on Rifampicin plus INH plus Vitamin B6, produced by M/s. Mercury Labs. Pvt. Ltd. on 3-11-1988.

(c) and (d) Prior to the notification of ceiling price on 18-8-1988 for Rifampicin and INH capsules, there was no leader price notified for these formulations under DPCO, 1979. Different prices were fixed for various companies from time to time.

Power projects of Uttar Pradesh

1925. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the power projects in the country waiting for approval of the Central Government as on September 30, 1988;

(b) how many projects of Uttar Pradesh are waiting for their approval;

(c) what is the total cost of these projects; and

(d) what will be the total installed power capacity in Uttar Pradesh till the completion of the Seventh Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) and (b) The required information is given in the statement enclosed. (*See* Appendix CXLVIII, Annexure No. 88.

(c) The total cost of projects of Uttar Pradesh awaiting approval of Central Government is Rs. 2068.8 crores.

(d) The total installed capacity both in the State and Central sectors, in UP, at the end of the Seventh Five Year Plan would be approximately 10,200 MW.

Amount against M/s. Franco India

1926. SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 4602 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 5th September 1988 and state:

(a) what are the details of formulations of Franco Indian packwise and stengthwise which are involved in overcharging the prices;

(b) what is the quantity of each on which amount has been assessed;

(c) what is the rate on which calculation has been made in respect to each pack and strength;

(d) whether it is a fact that no set off has been given as given in other cases; and

(e) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) to (e) The required details to the extent information is available would be collected and laid on the Table of the House.

Recovery from M/s. Merind

1927. SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 4550 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 5th September, 1988 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that M/s. Merind was given a hearing long back

and the final price of the bulk drug was revised after review;

(b) whether it is a fact that large amount is involved for recovery from Merind;

(c) what are the reasons for delay the assessment; and

(d) what steps are being taken to expedite the assessment?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) to (d) The hearing to M|s. Merind Ltd. was given in June, 1987 and the amount recoverable from the Company would be assessed by the Special Team constituted for such cases.

Price fixation of combiflam

1928. SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the price of Combiflam has been reduced recently;

(b) what was the price fixed earlier under DPCO, 1979 what is the price fixed now and what is the price charged by the company; and

(c) what are the details of price fixation in respect of material cost and packing cost?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) to (c) The price of Combiflam Tablets, under DPCO: 1979, was fixed at Rs. 7.68 for 10's pack. The price currently being charged by the concerned company is not readily available. No price has so far been fixed for this formulation pack under DPCO 1987.

Purchase of equipments from Japanese firm

1929. SHRI A. G. KULKARNI:

DR. BAPU KALDATE:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the Sunday of 21st-27th August, 1988, to the effect that the Department of Telecommunications has purchased from Nippon Electronic Corporation, Japan some senstitive items;

(b) if so, what are the details of equipments purchased and whether global tenders were floated and comparative prices offered; and

(c) if so, whether any commission has been paid to an Indian Agent?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) Yes, Sir, Government is aware of the news item. The Department of Telecom have not purchased any item from M|s. NEC which can be described as sensitive in nature.

(b) Certain purchase of telecommunications equipment have been made from M|s. NEC for use in the Public Telephone Network of the Department of Telecom. These orders have been placed after inviting competitive tenders and selection based strictly on technical and commercial merits.

(c) All purchase orders on NEC have been placed directly without involving any Indian Agent.

Hydel power projects in Tamil Nadu

1930. SHRI K. V. THANGKABALU: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of the schemes approved by Central Government to increase generation of hydel power in Tamil Nadu;

(b) what is the number of the schemes on which work is not being carried out and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government to obviate the delay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) and (b) The following approved and on-going hydro-electric projects are envisaged to give benefits in the